

Historic, Archive Document

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.

MANAGEMENT COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

U. S. Department of Agriculture

U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
NAT'L. AGRIC. LIBRARY

Reserve

A summary of significant events of
interest to USDA management

Issue #21
October 3, 1975

CONFEREES REPORT USDA APPROPRIATIONS BILL... H.R. 8561 provides \$10,847,284,000 in new budget authority for USDA programs and activities. The conferees restored the limitation on Working Capital Fund proposed by the House; retained separate appropriations for ACP and forestry incentives as proposed by the Senate; and require USDA to obtain the approval of both House and Senate Appropriations Committees before taking any action with respect to computer procurement. The following table summarizes our bill.
(Contact: Bob Barham, OMF, ext. 75901)

(Dollars in Thousands)

Agency and Item	Budget	Changes from Budget		
		House Bill	Senate Bill	Conference Report
Office of the Secretary	\$2,831	-134	-34	-84
Agricultural Research Service	251,130	-8,170	+22,795	+12,045
Animal and Plant Health				
Inspection Service	361,510	-4,780	+3,065	-435
Cooperative State Research Service ..	114,476	-1,016	+984	-16
Extension Service	223,768	+5,167	+10,167	+5,167
Statistical Reporting Service	30,629	-1,863	+740	-586
Economic Research Service	25,492	-925	-95	-595
Agricultural Marketing Service	42,275	+1,380	+4,780	+6,380
Dairy and beekeeper indemnities				
ASCS	6,650	-3,300	- -	- -
Farmers Home Administration:				
Farm ownership loans	(350,000)	(- -)	(+130,000)	(+100,000)
Soil and water loans	(4,000)	(+225,000)	(+50,000)	(+50,000)
Rural housing for domestic				
farm labor	- -	+6,000	+9,750	+7,500
Industrial development loans	(300,000)	(- -)	(+50,000)	(+50,000)
Salaries and Expenses	142,850	+7,252	+12,252	+12,252
Rural development grants	10,000	- -	+3,750	+1,875
Soil Conservation Service:				
Conservation operations	200,375	+682	+5,682	+5,682
Watershed and flood prevention ...	136,576	+9,833	+41,510	+36,410*
Food and Nutrition Service:				
Child Nutrition	739,305	+15,675	-59,025	-59,025
Food donations	5,839	- -	+12,000	+12,000
Foreign Agricultural Service	35,922	-101	+2,399	+1,149
Subtotal	2,329,628	+25,700	+70,720	+39,719
All Other	8,540,233	-62,296	-62,296	-62,296
.....	10,869,861	-36,596	+8,424	-22,577

* Includes \$26,577,000 for non-recurring
Flood Prevention emergency measures.

GSA INDICATES THEY WILL SUPPORT COMPUTER PROCUREMENT.....At the Sept. 19 meeting with USDA officials, GSA indicated they would initiate action to modify the RFP once Congressman Brooks and GAO had been notified of the decision. (See Issue #20) (Contact: H.W. Meetze, ADS, ext. 76275)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY WRIGHT ADDRESSES GSA REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS CONFERENCE.....Representatives of HUD, Interior, Treasury, VA, and Office of Operations also addressed the meeting of GSA regional administrators and top management last week. The group presented the user agency concerns for closer and more effective working relationships and improved service. They followed up with specific written recommendations to GSA. From all indications, the issues were understood and well received. Copies of the presentation and recommendations are being reproduced and distributed to Administrative Services Directors. (Contact: Bill Roth, OO, ext. 75225)

PHILLIP R. MUELLER APPOINTED USDA SAFETY MANAGER.....He formerly served as Assistant Department Safety Manager, Department of Interior. His initial efforts will be directed toward implementing the USDA requirements as established by E.O. 11807 "Occupational Safety and Health Programs for Federal Employees" and to improve the analytical capabilities of the Safety Management Information System. (Contact: Phillip R. Mueller, OP, ext. 78248)

OEO AND THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE.....With regard to USDA programs and services, you as a USDA executive:

Can

- ...Conduct civil rights compliance reviews.
- ...Require corrective action by noncomplying recipients.
- ...Cooperate with OEO in all compliance functions.
- ...Identify civil rights aspects of new or revised programs.
- ...Evaluate and take action on recommendations contained in OEO compliance review reports.
- ...Determine that voluntary compliance by a recipient cannot be achieved and recommend formal action.

Cannot

- ...Close a complaint case of discrimination without the concurrence of OEO.
- ...Obstruct any civil rights compliance review, survey or inquiry.
- ...Release compliance review, survey or inquiry reports outside of USDA without prior coordination with OEO.
- ...Furnish information from compliance review reports which may be the basis of possible criminal investigation or violate the Privacy Act.

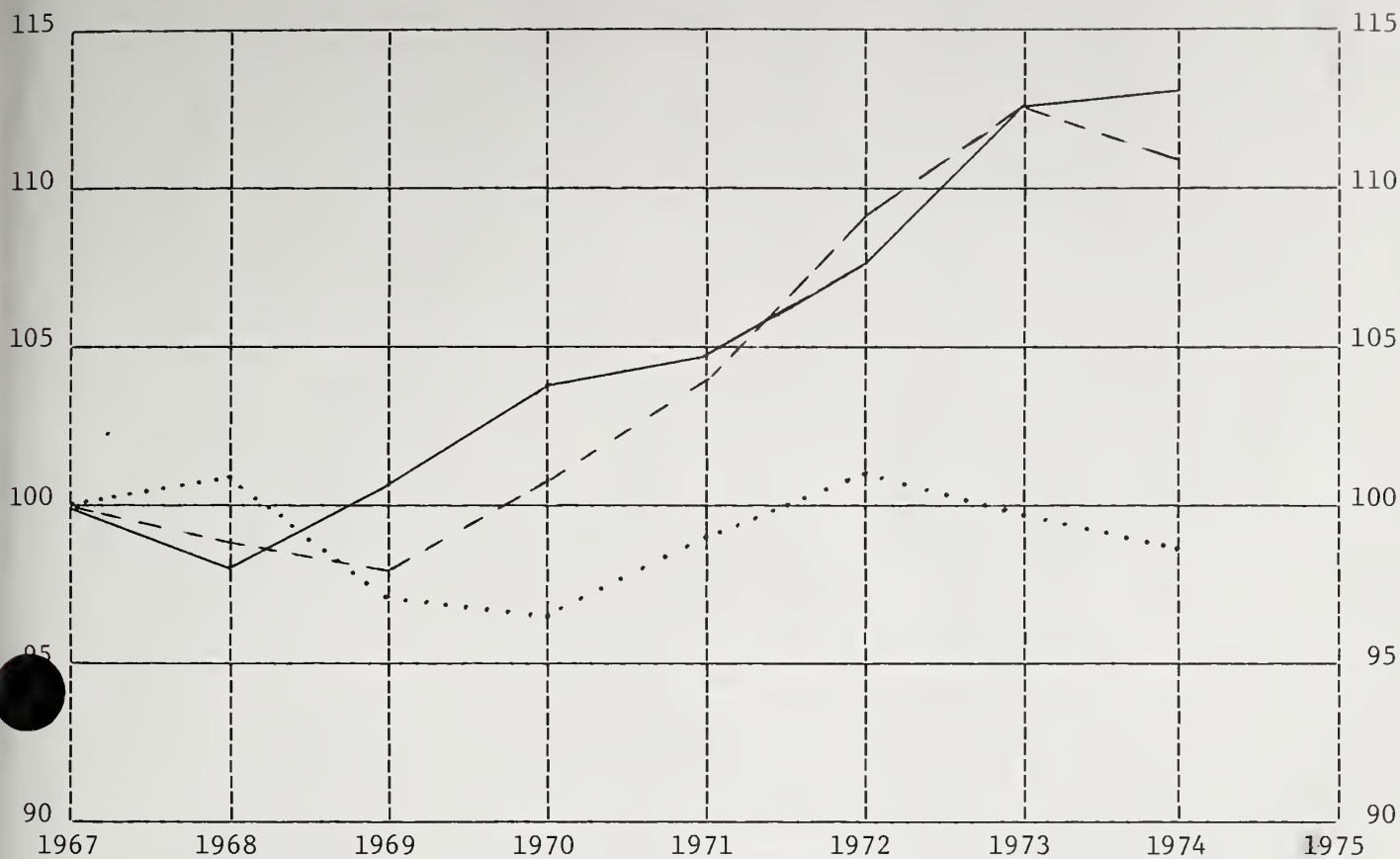
(Contact: Dick Peer, OEO, ext. 77327)

FEDERAL PRODUCTIVITY DATA PUBLISHED.....The Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) has just published the FY 1974 Annual Report to the President and the Congress on Federal Productivity. It reports that civilian agencies (not including the Post Office) increased their output by 35% over the past 8 years (1967-74) while man-years used to produce this output increased only 15% yielding a productivity increase of 17.4% over this period. Comparable figures for USDA are given in the chart and table on the following page. Copies of the Report and of Productivity Indices for each participating USDA agency have been distributed to Agency Productivity Contacts. (Contact: C.R. Hanna, Jr., OMF, ext. 76111)

U . S . D E P A R T M E N T O F A G R I C U L T U R E

1967 = 100

INDICES



KEY: Productivity Index ——— Man-Year Index Output Index -----

T A B L E O F I N D I C E S

INDICES	F I S C A L Y E A R							
	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
Man-Year Input	100.0	100.6	97.5	96.2	98.8	100.8	99.9	98.4
Weighted Output	100.0	98.9	97.7	100.1	103.5	108.7	112.6	111.0
Productivity	100.0	98.3	100.3	104.0	104.7	107.9	112.6	112.8

DID YOU KNOW THAT SCS HAS:

- ... Worked with two million landowners each year in every county in the United States.
- ... Aided more than 30,000 units of state and local government in gathering resource facts on which to base land-use decisions.
- ... Helped reclaim more than a million acres of surface-mined land for many uses.
- ... Motivated landowners to install 32 million acres of conservation tillage; 1.2 million miles of terraces; 22 million acres of stripcropping; and almost 2 million ponds.
- ... Helped plant more than 21 million acres to trees and 17 million acres to range vegetation.
- ... Helped install small watershed projects that are bringing new community water supplies to serve half a million people; new and expanded businesses with an added payroll of \$251 million; over 15 million visitor-days of recreation; and almost 6,500 new lakes for several uses.
- ... Aided conservation planning and action on more than 600 million acres of private land.
- ... Caused enough earth to be moved each year in conservation work to excavate several Panama canals.
- ... Aided in managing more than 70 million acres of private land for wildlife and 1.5 million acres for recreation.
- ... Compiled soils information on over 900 million acres for use by landowners, government units, and businesses.
- ... Completed more than 160 detailed flood insurance studies and 55 flood hazard analyses.
- ... Built a professional staff skilled in over 20 technical disciplines to assist in these and other natural resource actions.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OCTOBER 2 COUNCIL MEETING.....

- ... Several assessments were discussed. A few are to be discussed further with specific agencies. It was agreed that a firm basis would be developed for distribution of costs spread across all agencies.
- ... Jerry Miles, OMF, discussed the recent transfer of planning and evaluation functions to his Office. Noting that the Budget Impoundment Act and OMB stress program evaluation, he stated that there is no intention of minimizing program evaluation in USDA. Meetings will be held with the agencies to discuss their management improvement efforts; before this occurs, however, the Council will be thoroughly briefed.
- ... Flu shots for USDA employees were discussed. OP will explore what can be done for USDA employees in terms of health matters and report back to the Council.
- ... The tentative date for the OA-OI conference is December 3-5. Position papers will be distributed by the first week in November.
- ... Sy Pranger will address the Council on October 30 on Executive Development. He discussed this with agency heads on October 6.